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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on July 18, 2006. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because Applicant has canceled all of the claims drawn to the elected invention (i.e. claims 12, 13, 15 and 16) and has presented only claims drawn to non-elected inventions (i.e. claims 1-11 and 17-29). See the Restriction Requirement dated May 18, 2005, and Applicant's response filed July 25, 2005. Since Applicant cannot file an RCE to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined as a matter of right, i.e. Applicant cannot switch inventions (see M.P.E.P. § 706.07(h)VI(B)), the above noted submission is deemed to be non-responsive (see M.P.E.P. § 821.03).

Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, Applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to I. Cintins whose telephone number is 571-272-1155. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Duane Smith, can be reached at 571-272-1166.

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